

Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1, 3, 8 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Eguchi (U.S. Patent No. 6,574,670). It is respectfully submitted, however, that these claims are patentable over Eguchi for the reasons set forth below.

Applicants' invention as recited by claim 1, includes a feature which is neither disclosed or suggested by the art of record, namely:

...a first memory for storing sender information...including
unique information corresponding to the users...

...a transmitter for transmitting electronic mail...

...a controller operable to...if the input information matches a
piece of the unique information corresponding to one of the
users, extract a piece of the sender information
corresponding to the one of the users, and put the extracted
piece of the sender information in the header of the
electronic mail.

Eguchi neither discloses nor suggests placing extracted information in an e-mail header. Eguchi at column 8 discusses e-mail transmission. At column 8, however, nothing is stated regarding information unique to a user. Furthermore, at column 8, nothing is stated regarding insertion of information into a header of an e-mail message. Accordingly, claim 1 is patentable over Eguchi.

Claim 3 is patentable by virtue of its dependency on claim 1.

Claim 8 has been rewritten to depend on allowable claim 1. Claim 9 has been cancelled. Allowance of claims 1, 3, 8 and 9 is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 4 and 5 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eguchi in view of Miller (U.S. Patent No. 6,615,241). These claims, however, are patentable by virtue of their dependency on allowable claim 1.

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Claims 6, 10 and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eguchi in view of Firth (U.S. Patent No. 5,987,517). Claim 6, however, depends on allowable claim 1. Claims 10 and 11 have been cancelled. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim 7 has been rejected under 35 U.S. C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eguchi and Firth and further in view of Miller. This claim, however, has been cancelled.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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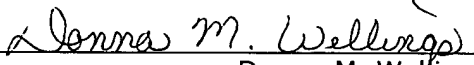
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